

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of California
Water Service Company (U 60 W), a Corporation,
for an Order Authorizing It to Increase Rates
Charged for Water Service at Each of Its
Operating Districts to Recover Increased
Operating Expenditures at Its General Office.

Application 01-09-062
(Filed September 10, 2001)

And Related Matters.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING ASIDE SUBMISSION, RE-OPENING RECORD,
AND DIRECTING PARTIES TO MAKE FILING**

On April 26, 2002, at the conclusion of the evidentiary hearings in this proceeding, I set a schedule for filing briefs and the joint comparison exhibit. That schedule contemplated that the parties would file their joint comparison

exhibit and initial briefs on May 15, 2002. Reply briefs were scheduled to follow on May 24, 2002. The record in this proceeding was also scheduled to be closed and the matter submitted for consideration by the Commission with the filing of the reply briefs. The parties filed briefs in accord with the schedule. However, subsequent to the filing of reply briefs, on July 18, 2002, the parties filed and served their Motion to Approve Joint Recommendation, which is in substance the comparison exhibit. Because the Joint Recommendation was filed after the close of the record, the voluminous documentation appended to the motion cannot be considered part of the record.

In addition, after review of the record in this proceeding and the proffered motion, I have concluded that the record should be supplemented with additional information as set out below. Therefore, no later than August 26, 2002, the parties shall file and serve a document containing the following information and discussion:

1. Complete comparison tables for both test years and the two attrition years showing, for each district and general office and general plant, the following: (a) Cal Water's proposed revenue increase, (b) ORA's report recommendation, (c) the Joint Recommendation increase, (d) the increase that would occur if all disputed issues were decided against Cal Water, and (d) the increase that would occur if all disputed issues were decided in favor of Cal Water.
2. Discussion (and documentation or references) explaining the primary causes of the rate increase reflected in the Joint Recommendation, with specific dollar amounts attributed to each issue. The calculation of the increases for the attrition years should also be explained.
3. Discussion (and documentation or references) explaining the disputed issues and the estimated amounts in contention for each disputed issue.
4. References to all factual evidence in the record supporting the rate design components of Cal Water's proposed low-income assistance program.

Therefore, pursuant to Rule 77 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, I set aside submission of this proceeding, re-open the record for the Motion to Approve Joint Recommendation and the above-listed items, and re-set the submission date to August 26, 2002.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated July 31, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MARIBETH A. BUSHEY

Maribeth A. Bushey
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Aside Submission, Re-Opening Record, and Directing Parties to Make Filing on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated July 31, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JEANNIE CHANG

Jeannie Chang

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